#### **Minutes: Early ACCESS Executive Committee**

## Meeting purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- filter information and prepare for the Council
- set framework and agenda for Council
- identify and make recommendations for the appropriate utilization of state resources
- consider action on the recommendations of the Council
- set priorities for development of the Early ACCESS system
- implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement
- transact all regular business of the Council between meetings

Date, time, and place

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2009

Time: 2:00-4:30pm

Place: Jesse Parker Building, Starkweather Conference Room

**Attendees** 

**Present:** Jane Borst, Kelly Hancock, Troy McCarthy, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Carrie Sodders, Mary Stevens (connected by phone), Debra Waldron

Staff: Julie Curry, Barb Khal, Marion Kresse, Susan White

**Guest:** Tom Rendon (Department of Education) **Excused:** Ron Koch, Mary Nelson, Kelly Schulte

Approval of previous minutes

Kelly Hancock convened the meeting at 2:00pm. A motion to review minutes from February 18 was made and the minutes will need to be updated with corrections suggested.

*Action.* Motion to approve the February 18, minutes with corrections was made by LauraBelle and Jane. Committee passed motion.

### Topics discussed

The table below identifies the topics discussed in the meeting and the person who led each discussion.

Topic	Discussion Leader
EA Eligibility Document	Barb Khal, Debra Waldron
ARRA Funds (Stimulus Bill)	LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl
Early Childhood Iowa (ECI)	Tom Rendon
Council	
Map of Systems Concept: 4 Ovals	
Plan for next Executive Meeting and	Kelly Hancock
Review Agenda for ICEA Meeting	
Sharing and Adjourn	Kelly Hancock

## EA eligibility document

Debra Waldron facilitated the conversation of the proposed statement to be included in the EA Eligibility Document definition for "fetal drug or alcohol exposure".

Members discussed the recommended change and were concerned about capacity of system to provide services to increased number of children this may prompt.

The Committee will need more data about prevalence; anticipated number of referrals, types of services these children typically need and adequate supply of those providers, and increased number of service coordinators.

Debra suggested she will find Iowa specific data about prevalence for this new definition.

*Action.* A motion to continue gathering data was passed and the recommended change of language will be voted on once the Committee receives more data.

## ARRA funds (stimulus bill)

LauraBelle informed the Committee members that Iowa will receive \$3,871,018 in addition to regular allocation. Iowa's regular allocation went up \$25,308, so we will receive \$3,894,742 for FFY 2009. We are waiting for the U.S. Department of Education for guidance on use of funds.

The Committee discussed areas of where we could use the funds to strengthen our infrastructure system.

Medicaid ARRA funds will help assure that state rates for Medicaid services will not go down.

*Action.* The Department of Education will communicate by email with the Executive Committee the Part C guidance funds.

#### Early Childhood Iowa (ECI) Council

Tom Rendon from the Department of Education facilitated a conversation on a system that will help Iowa realize the vision for every child, beginning at birth, is healthy and successful.

## Map of system concept: 4 Ovals

Tom presented a 4 oval model which came from the BUILD initiative (Charlie Bruner of Child & Family Policy Center).

A description of each oval is referenced in the table below.

Oval	Description
Early Learning	Early care and education opportunities in nurturing
	environments where children can learn what they
	need to succeed in school and life.
Family Support	Economic and parenting supports to ensure that
	children have nurturing and stable relationships with
	caring.
Special Needs/Early	Early identification, assessment and appropriate
Intervention	services for children with special health care needs,
	disabilities, or developmental delays
Health, Mental	Comprehensive health services that meet children's
Health & Nutrition	vision, hearing, nutrition, behavioral, and oral health
	as well as medical needs.

# Map of system concept: 4 Ovals (continued)

Iowa's ECHE System is in the middle of the ovals where the four systems interact.

The Committee discussed where EA would appear on this model. Some questions that were asked were:

- 1. Where do people see Early ACCESS within this model?
- 2. Where do we want to be?
- 3. What will it take to get there?
- 4. How does Early ACCESS support the wider system and its vision?
- 5. What does it tell you how the Early ACCESS system can be supported by the larger system?

**Action.** The Committee agreed to have a representative from ECI come to the Iowa Council for Early ACCESS meeting in September, 2009, to present this model system. Also having a parent present on what this means from a family's perspective.

Plan for next executive meeting, June 10, 2009 The tentative schedule for the June 10, 2009, meeting is below.

Topic	Discussion Leader
Medicaid Rule Change Update	Jim Donoghue
Quarterly Informal Concerns	Julie Curry
Update	
Early ACCESS Eligibility	Dr. Debra Waldron and Barb Khal
ARRA Stimulus Funds	LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl
Homeless Population	Speaker from Department of Health

Review agenda for Iowa council meeting, May 15, 2009 The Council will conduct a Parent dinner/retreat on Thursday, May 14, 2009. The guest speaker is a current board member from Early Intervention Family Alliance. You may access their website at the following; www.EIFamilyAlliance.org

Review agenda for Iowa council meeting May 15, 2009 (continued) The table below has the topics for discussion for the May 15, 2009, Iowa Council Meeting.

Topic	Discussion Leader
Family Story	Tyler Greene
Lead Agency Reports & Executive	Kelly Hancock
Committee Updates	
Economic Recovery Bill ARRA	LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl
QSR	Barb Khal
Service Coordination Panel – Title	Meghan Wolfe
V Lead Program	
SC Panel Summary	Kelly Hancock
Committee Reports	Chair of each committee
Membership Committee	Ron Koch

Kelly Hancock asked members to help search for new members to the Council and have applications e-mailed to Marion Kresse and Kelly Hancock no later than May 1, 2009. All applicants must have their applications in with the Governor's office in order to be submitted forward for appointment.

## Sharing and adjourn

There was no information to be shared and Kelly adjourned the meeting at 4:30. The next meeting will take place on June 10, 2009, at Jesse Parker Building/Starkweather Conference Room.